

HB 301 Mental Health Educational Programming K-12

01/31/23 Update

Summary

House Bill 301 of the 151st General Assembly was signed by Governor John Carney on August 3rd, 2023. HB 301 is the inclusion of Mental Health educational programs K-12. The bill outlines mandatory instruction in age- and developmentally appropriate social and emotional learning and mental health content in all public schools no later than the 2023-24 school year.

A working group was formed to support the bill which includes members of the Department of Education, Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families (DSCYF), Division of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Mental Health Associates of Delaware, Delaware Guidance and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

Key Intents and Details

- The group developed a framework for identifying educational programming which includes the following:
 - Mental Health Literacy Competencies and sub-competencies
 - Mental Health Educational Program Selection Tool
 - MTSS Framework with Mental Health and SEL as Tier 1 supports
 - Updating Regulation 508 MTSS, to include Mental Health and SEL
- Regulation 508 went for discussion at the January State Board of Education (SBE) meeting and will be up for action at the Feb. 16th meeting.

Feedback Sessions

Monday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 15th from 11:00am - 12:00pm educators, administrators and partners are invited to join the [House Bill 301](#) workgroup for virtual **K-12 Mental Health Education Feedback Sessions**. Each one-hour session will include details of the legislative requirements, key components of the implementation process, the development of mental health education competencies, and overview of the K-12 education programs currently under consideration. In addition, session participants are encouraged to share additional K-12 mental health education programs they are using for possible consideration by the workgroup.

If you are interested in joining please **register** for one of the two sessions using the links below.

- Monday 2/13/23 11:00-12:00pm
 - <https://de-doe.webex.com/weblink/register/r8bc391677213ad382e5f23c6f51205f1>
- Wednesday 2/15/23 11:00-12:00pm
 - <https://de-doe.webex.com/weblink/register/redc32129053083422a166d8f04cd5541>
- If you have questions after the February feedback sessions please reach out to the project leads listed below.

Update Status

The workgroup is looking to have the educational program ready for district/charter review by the end of March.

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